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The Ocean Shipping Container Availability Report (OSCAR) provides a weekly snapshot of the availability of marine shipping containers at 18 different intermodal locations for the westbound transpacific trade lanes. The data shows the availability for five types of equipment, including 20 and 40ft dry, 20 and 40ft refrigerated, and 40ft high-cube containers, and provides estimates of equipment availability for the current week and projections two weeks out. The data are voluntarily provided to AMS by six members of the Transpacific Stabilization Agreement (TSA).

Note: Corrections made to Kansas City data on March 24, 2014 and to Oakland on June 5, 2014.

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Location Specific Container Availability Analysis

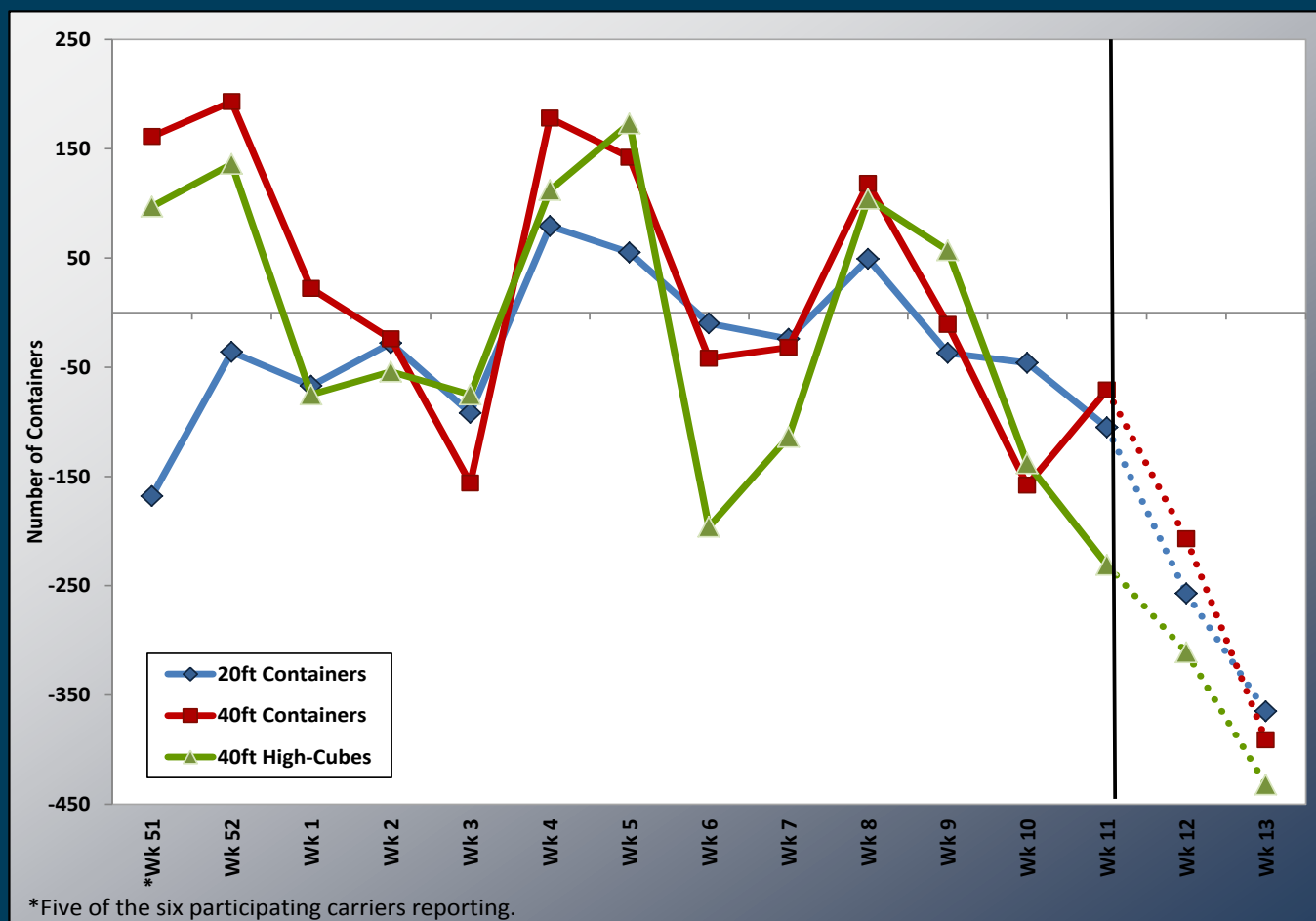
Historical Analysis of Minneapolis

As was mentioned last week, severe winter weather across the Midwest this year has disrupted transportation services for agricultural exporters, certainly in the Minneapolis region. Both rail and truck carriers have experienced delays throughout the supply chain. These types of events can strain equipment availability, including the displacement of both containers and chassis.

The Minneapolis inland port region is an important intermodal hub for containerized grain exporters in the northern tier of the country. However, container availability is a challenge for exporters because of the low level of import container traffic through the area. Between April and June of 2013, Minneapolis moved more than 65,000 metric tons of containerized agricultural products. Grains and grain products, including soybeans, made up more than 75 percent of the total containerized agricultural products moved through the region. Dairy products comprised about 8 percent and hides and skins about 5 percent. Approximately 76 percent of these agricultural exports moved in 40ft containers.¹

Container availability estimates for each of the dry container types through Minneapolis have followed a pattern of sharp peaks and valleys over the past 3 months. Availability estimates ranged from 193 40ft containers the last week of the year to -231 40ft high-cube containers this week.² Estimates in the fall of 2013, when import cargo was busy, saw few weeks when availability was below 0; however, since the end of November, estimates have swung sharply from week to week. Carriers are projecting even further declines in availability over the next 2 weeks for this traditionally deficit intermodal hub.

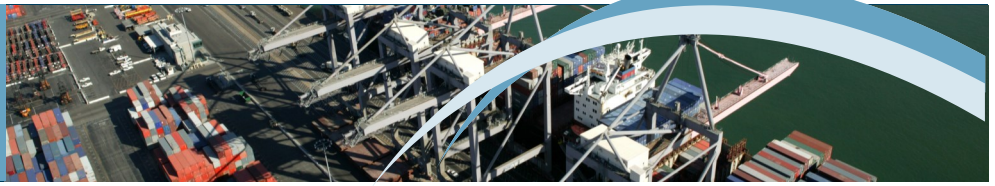
Weekly Container Availability Estimates in Minneapolis, 3rd week of December (Wk 51), 2013 through 2nd week of March (Wk 11), 2014 with Projections



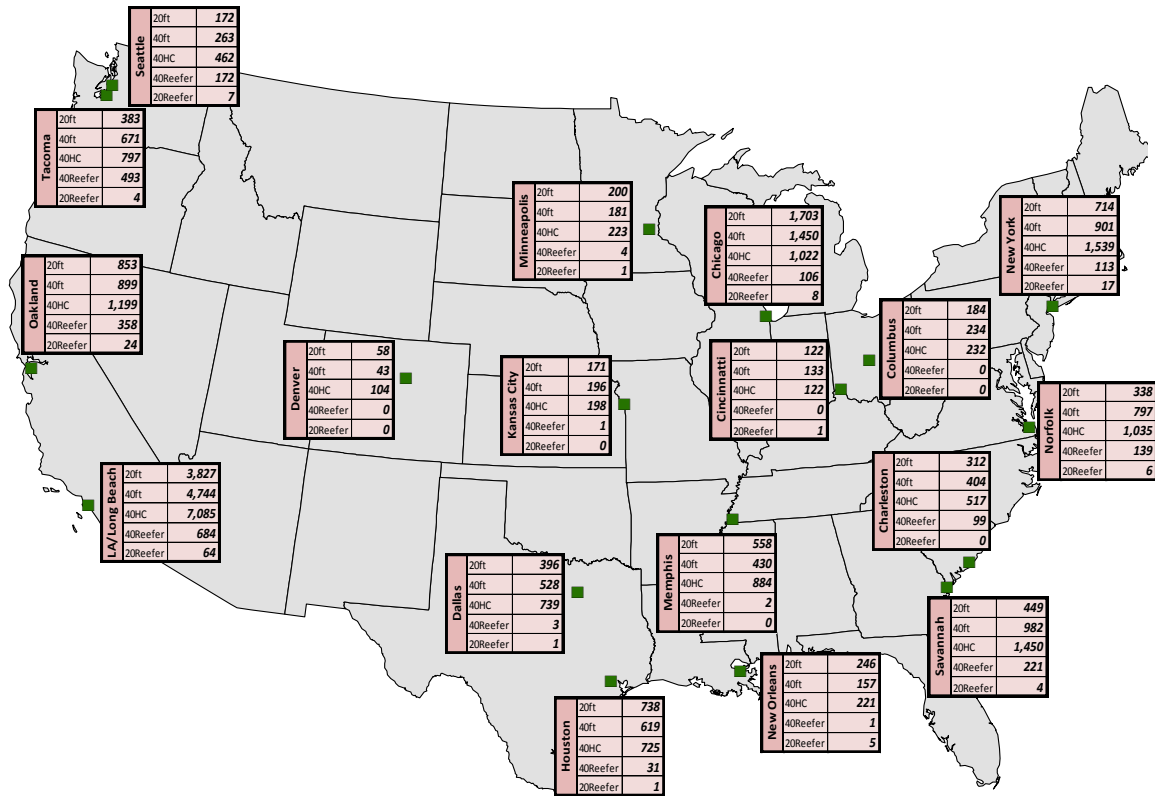
- Source: USDA/Agricultural Marketing Service/Transportation Services Division analysis of Port Import Export Reporting Service (PIERS) data .
- Estimates of zero indicate the demand for containers matches the supply. Estimates that are below zero indicate the demand for containers is greater than the supply. Estimates above zero indicate the supply of containers is greater than the demand.

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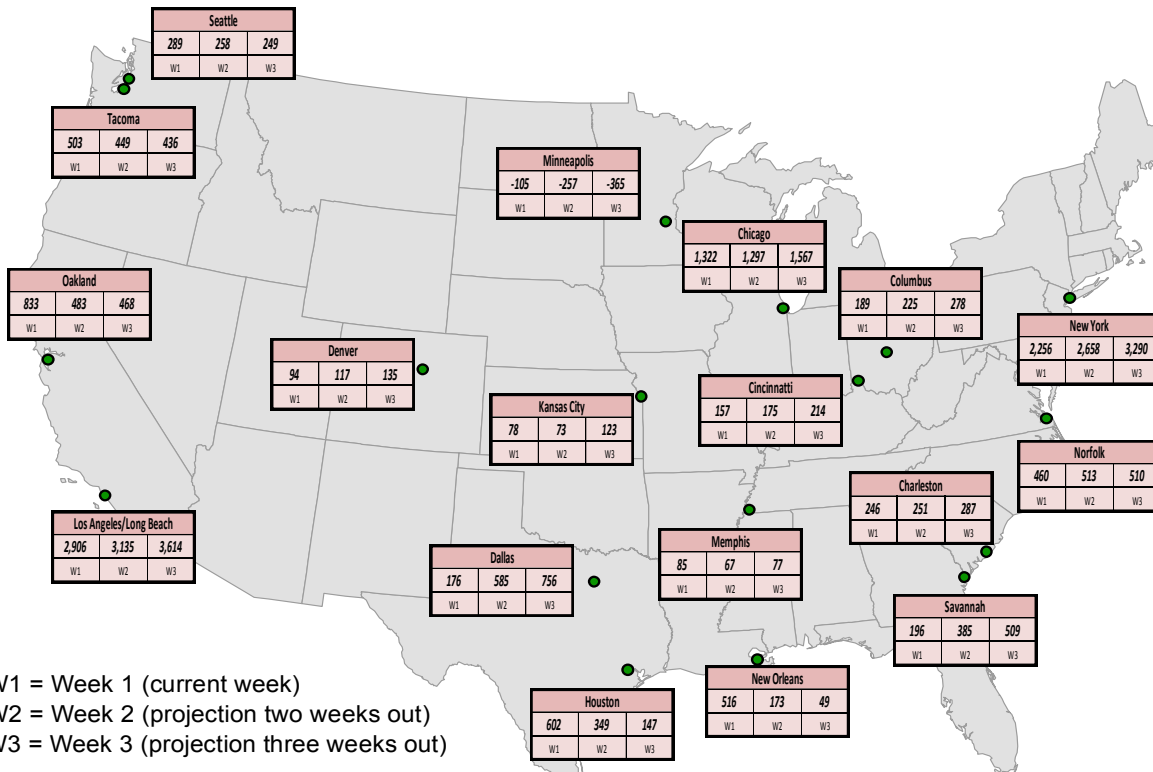
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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput



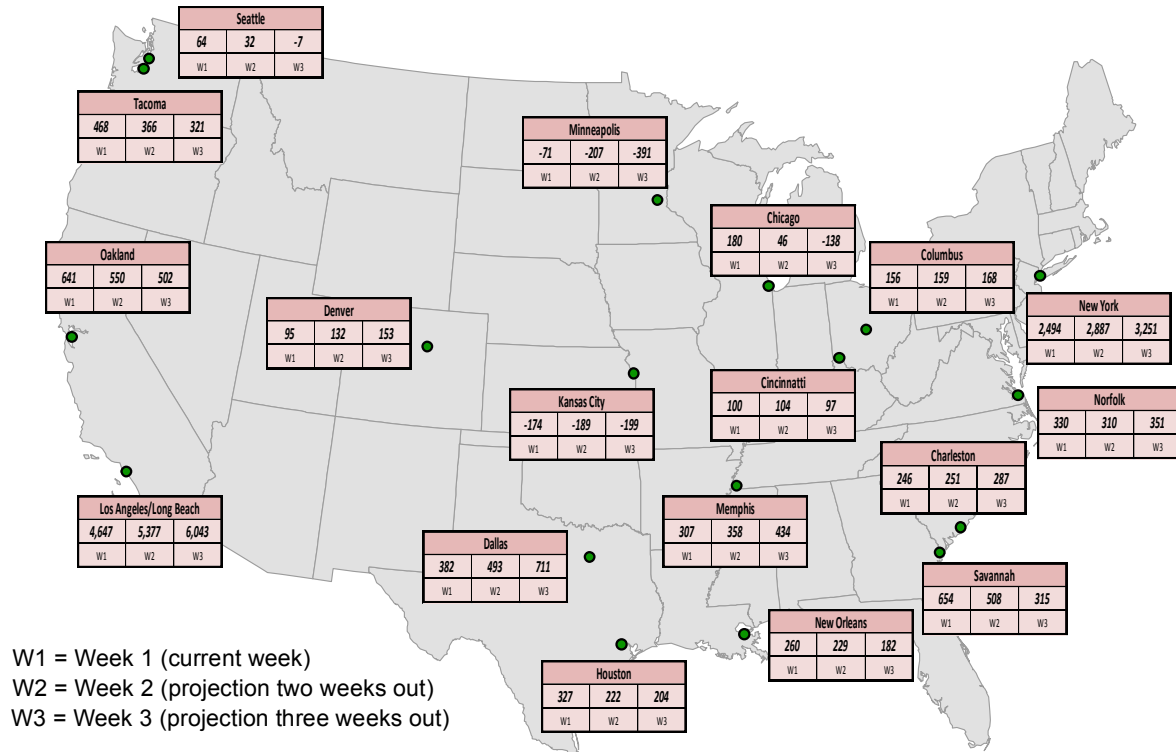
Average Weekly Availability for 20ft Dry Containers



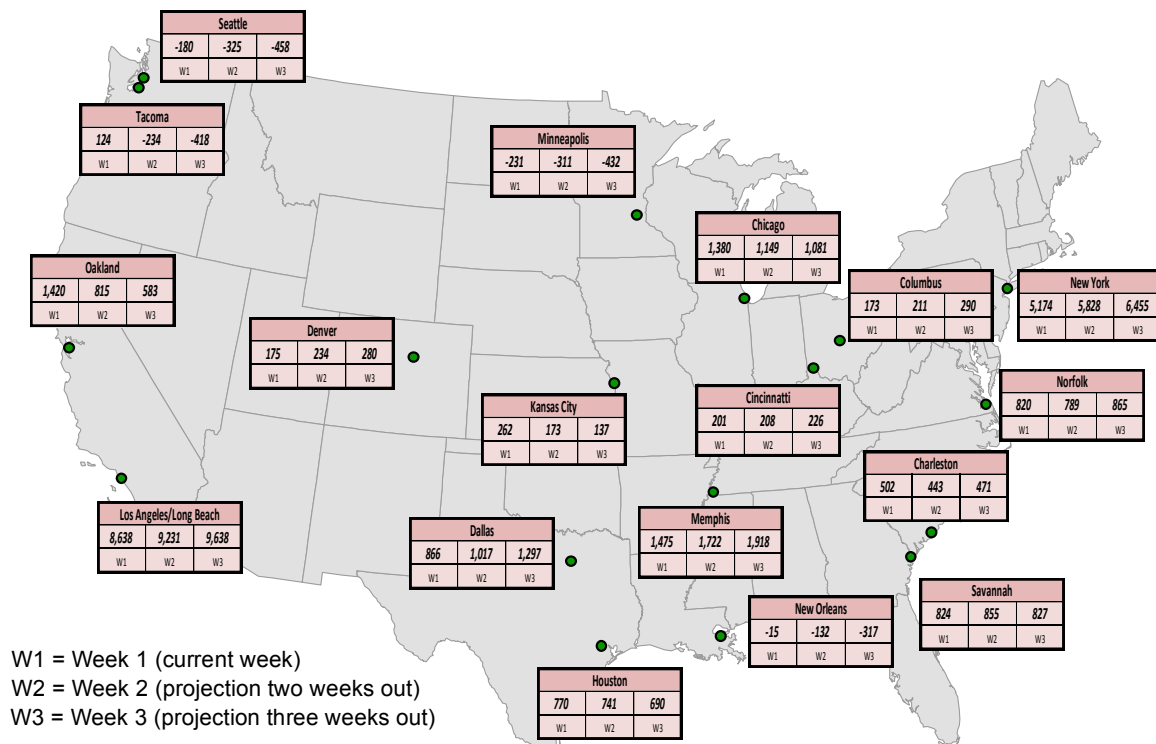
W1 = Week 1 (current week)
W2 = Week 2 (projection two weeks out)
W3 = Week 3 (projection three weeks out)



Average Weekly Availability for 40ft Dry Containers



Average Weekly Availability for 40ft High Cube Containers

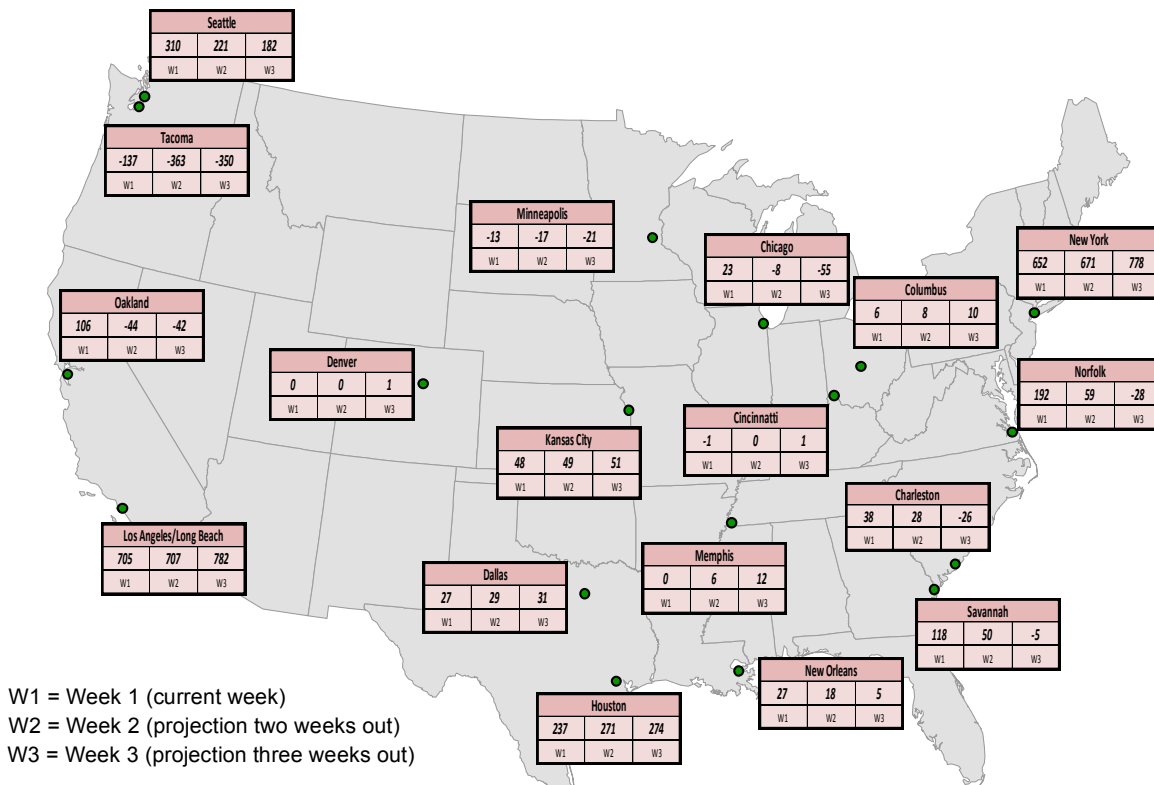


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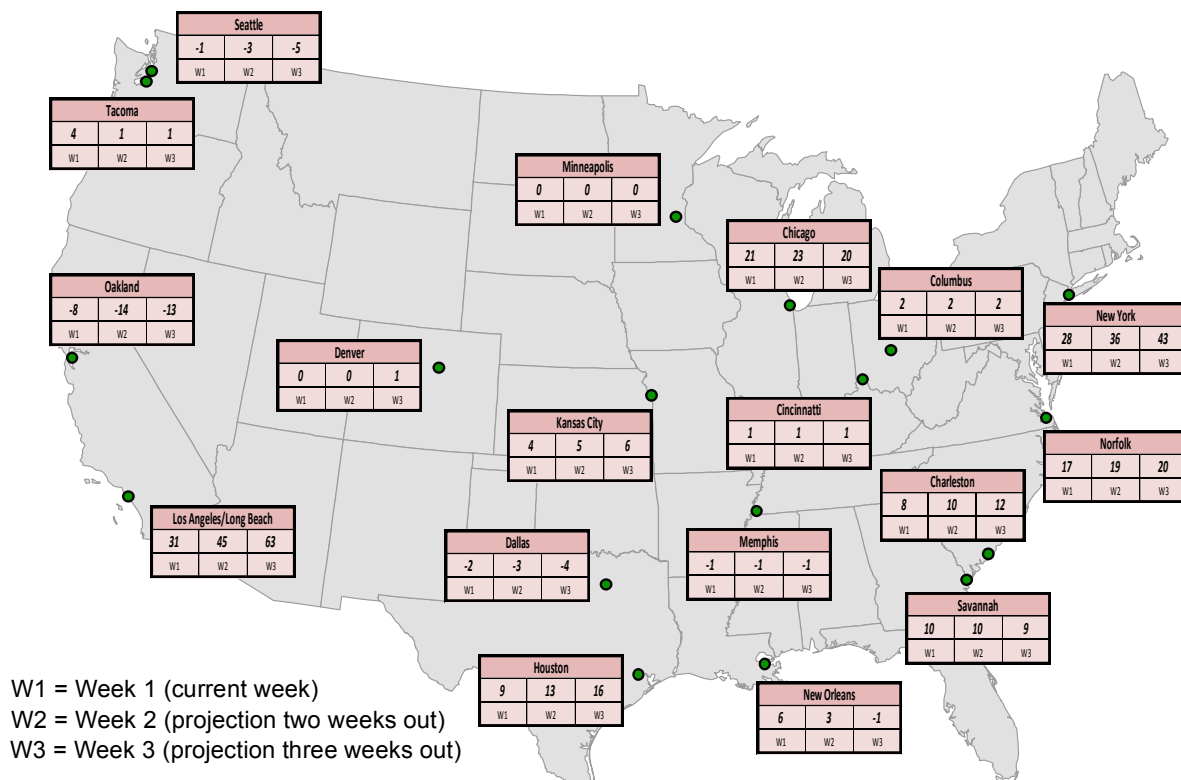
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Average Weekly Availability for 40ft Refrigerated Containers



Average Weekly Availability for 20ft Refrigerated Containers





Charleston											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 12-18	132	70	63	53	1	-73	.	.	.	.	246
Week 2: Mar 19-25	90	70	54	66	2	-31	.	.	.	.	251
Week 3: Mar 26-Apr 1	78	70	37	95	1	6	.	.	.	.	287
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 12-18	151	103	26	26	25	2	.	.	.	.	333
Week 2: Mar 19-25	62	94	53	26	25	3	.	.	.	.	263
Week 3: Mar 26-Apr 1	55	91	82	-4	25	2	.	.	.	.	251
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 12-18	191	148	89	40	33	1	.	.	.	.	502
Week 2: Mar 19-25	249	16	107	40	27	4	.	.	.	.	443
Week 3: Mar 26-Apr 1	308	14	75	40	32	2	.	.	.	.	471
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 12-18	69	16	15	5	0	-67	.	.	.	.	38
Week 2: Mar 19-25	52	18	15	5	0	-62	.	.	.	.	28
Week 3: Mar 26-Apr 1	38	20	15	5	0	-104	.	.	.	.	-26
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 12-18	6	2	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	8
Week 2: Mar 19-25	7	3	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	10
Week 3: Mar 26-Apr 1	8	4	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	12

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	312	0...108
40ft	404	0...200
40ft High Cubes	517	17...200
40ft Refrigerated	99	0...60
20ft Refrigerated	0	0...0

*Data reflect the sum of the individual carriers' average weekly throughput over a 6-month timeframe



Chicago											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 12-18	1,198	85	65	4	-14	-16	.	.	.	.	1,322
Week 2: Mar 19-25	1,418	85	-83	2	-114	-11	.	.	.	.	1,297
Week 3: Mar 26-Apr 1	1,650	85	-82	3	-76	-13	.	.	.	.	1,567
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 12-18	200	119	-5	-13	-53	-68	.	.	.	.	180
Week 2: Mar 19-25	200	-12	-4	34	4	-176	.	.	.	.	46
Week 3: Mar 26-Apr 1	200	-137	-5	57	2	-255	.	.	.	.	-138
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 12-18	800	449	146	25	1	-41	.	.	.	.	1,380
Week 2: Mar 19-25	800	564	62	-249	1	-29	.	.	.	.	1,149
Week 3: Mar 26-Apr 1	800	677	-58	-308	1	-31	.	.	.	.	1,081
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 12-18	29	25	0	0	-31	.	.	.	.	.	23
Week 2: Mar 19-25	9	30	0	0	-47	.	.	.	.	.	-8
Week 3: Mar 26-Apr 1	-25	30	0	0	-60	.	.	.	.	.	-55
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 12-18	14	7	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	21
Week 2: Mar 19-25	12	11	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	23
Week 3: Mar 26-Apr 1	10	10	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	20

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	1,703	93...600
40ft	1,450	5...302
40ft High Cubes	1,022	34...405
40ft Refrigerated	106	0...51
20ft Refrigerated	8	0...4

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Cincinnati											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 12-18	50	49	36	12	10	0	157
Week 2: Mar 19-25	67	60	28	11	10	-1	.	.	.	.	175
Week 3: Mar 26-Apr 1	87	69	40	10	10	-2	.	.	.	.	214
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 12-18	38	30	24	14	-3	-3	.	.	.	.	100
Week 2: Mar 19-25	41	30	38	12	-16	-1	.	.	.	.	104
Week 3: Mar 26-Apr 1	42	30	38	16	-29	0	.	.	.	.	97
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 12-18	75	50	31	22	18	5	.	.	.	.	201
Week 2: Mar 19-25	75	54	49	17	10	3	.	.	.	.	208
Week 3: Mar 26-Apr 1	75	58	59	25	11	-2	.	.	.	.	226
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 12-18	0	-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-1
Week 2: Mar 19-25	0	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 3: Mar 26-Apr 1	0	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 12-18	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Week 2: Mar 19-25	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Week 3: Mar 26-Apr 1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	122	7...35
40ft	133	8...30
40ft High Cubes	122	11...35
40ft Refrigerated	0	0...0
20ft Refrigerated	1	0...1

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Columbus											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 12-18	137	26	11	10	6	-1	189
Week 2: Mar 19-25	167	33	11	8	6	0	.	.	.	.	225
Week 3: Mar 26-Apr 1	198	41	21	12	6	0	.	.	.	.	278
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 12-18	50	49	26	19	10	2	.	.	.	.	156
Week 2: Mar 19-25	50	64	26	10	11	-2	.	.	.	.	159
Week 3: Mar 26-Apr 1	50	63	42	3	14	-4	.	.	.	.	168
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 12-18	90	36	30	15	2	0	.	.	.	.	173
Week 2: Mar 19-25	124	52	30	15	-4	-6	.	.	.	.	211
Week 3: Mar 26-Apr 1	156	104	30	10	-2	-8	.	.	.	.	290
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 12-18	6	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	6
Week 2: Mar 19-25	8	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	8
Week 3: Mar 26-Apr 1	10	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	10
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 12-18	2	2
Week 2: Mar 19-25	2	2
Week 3: Mar 26-Apr 1	2	2

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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	184	8...60
40ft	234	6...80
40ft High Cubes	232	15...60
40ft Refrigerated	0	0...0
20ft Refrigerated	0	0...0

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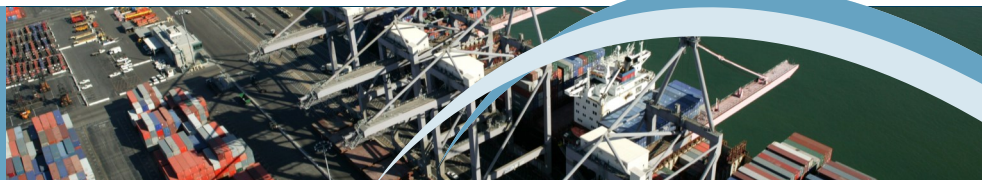


Dallas											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 12-18	111	70	70	47	6	-128	176
Week 2: Mar 19-25	105	49	70	95	6	260	.	.	.	.	585
Week 3: Mar 26-Apr 1	100	63	70	145	7	371	.	.	.	.	756
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 12-18	147	76	56	50	44	9	.	.	.	.	382
Week 2: Mar 19-25	158	94	141	50	43	7	.	.	.	.	493
Week 3: Mar 26-Apr 1	236	90	234	50	93	8	.	.	.	.	711
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 12-18	254	242	180	123	58	9	.	.	.	.	866
Week 2: Mar 19-25	294	235	180	110	190	8	.	.	.	.	1,017
Week 3: Mar 26-Apr 1	383	215	180	205	310	4	.	.	.	.	1,297
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 12-18	35	0	-8	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	27
Week 2: Mar 19-25	39	0	-10	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	29
Week 3: Mar 26-Apr 1	43	0	-12	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	31
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 12-18	-2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-2
Week 2: Mar 19-25	-3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-3
Week 3: Mar 26-Apr 1	-4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-4

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	396	5...150
40ft	528	12...250
40ft High Cubes	739	22...250
40ft Refrigerated	3	0...3
20ft Refrigerated	1	0...1

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Denver											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 12-18	66	26	9	2	-2	-7	94
Week 2: Mar 19-25	87	23	11	2	0	-6	.	.	.	.	117
Week 3: Mar 26-Apr 1	109	15	15	2	-1	-5	.	.	.	.	135
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 12-18	57	17	15	7	1	-2	.	.	.	.	95
Week 2: Mar 19-25	82	28	12	9	1	0	.	.	.	.	132
Week 3: Mar 26-Apr 1	106	36	5	8	1	-3	.	.	.	.	153
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 12-18	116	29	15	7	6	2	.	.	.	.	175
Week 2: Mar 19-25	165	32	15	7	17	-2	.	.	.	.	234
Week 3: Mar 26-Apr 1	208	40	15	7	15	-5	.	.	.	.	280
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 12-18	0	0	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 2: Mar 19-25	0	0	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 3: Mar 26-Apr 1	0	0	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 12-18	0	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 2: Mar 19-25	0	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 3: Mar 26-Apr 1	0	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	58	3...17
40ft	43	1...10
40ft High Cubes	104	1...50
40ft Refrigerated	0	0...0
20ft Refrigerated	0	0...0

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Houston											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 12-18	500	135	28	12	10	-83	602
Week 2: Mar 19-25	500	-18	-12	22	5	-148	.	.	.	.	349
Week 3: Mar 26-Apr 1	500	-134	0	21	4	-244	.	.	.	.	147
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 12-18	400	81	2	-8	-23	-125	.	.	.	.	327
Week 2: Mar 19-25	400	55	2	-18	1	-218	.	.	.	.	222
Week 3: Mar 26-Apr 1	400	97	3	4	-1	-299	.	.	.	.	204
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 12-18	600	205	15	12	5	-67	.	.	.	.	770
Week 2: Mar 19-25	600	229	2	31	5	-126	.	.	.	.	741
Week 3: Mar 26-Apr 1	600	241	13	28	2	-194	.	.	.	.	690
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 12-18	160	59	16	2	0	.	.	.	.	.	237
Week 2: Mar 19-25	175	77	17	2	0	.	.	.	.	.	271
Week 3: Mar 26-Apr 1	170	84	18	2	0	.	.	.	.	.	274
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 12-18	14	0	-5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	9
Week 2: Mar 19-25	16	0	-3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	13
Week 3: Mar 26-Apr 1	18	0	-2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	16

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	738	50...316
40ft	619	50...126
40ft High Cubes	725	26...355
40ft Refrigerated	31	0...12
20ft Refrigerated	1	0...1

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Kansas City											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 12-18	60	16	7	1	-2	-4	78
Week 2: Mar 19-25	60	29	11	1	-2	-26	.	.	.	.	73
Week 3: Mar 26-Apr 1	60	48	23	1	-3	-6	.	.	.	.	123
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 12-18	54	16	9	-2	-11	-240	.	.	.	.	-174
Week 2: Mar 19-25	51	19	10	-18	-11	-240	.	.	.	.	-189
Week 3: Mar 26-Apr 1	45	18	10	-20	-12	-240	.	.	.	.	-199
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 12-18	220	77	14	-11	-14	-24	.	.	.	.	262
Week 2: Mar 19-25	220	72	-22	-44	-15	-38	.	.	.	.	173
Week 3: Mar 26-Apr 1	220	65	-25	-54	-15	-54	.	.	.	.	137
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 12-18	33	15	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	48
Week 2: Mar 19-25	29	20	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	49
Week 3: Mar 26-Apr 1	26	25	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	51
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 12-18	4	4
Week 2: Mar 19-25	5	5
Week 3: Mar 26-Apr 1	6	6

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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	171	7...60
40ft	196	9...75
40ft High Cubes	198	14...59
40ft Refrigerated	1	0...1
20ft Refrigerated	0	0...0

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Los Angeles and Long Beach											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 12-18	800	727	625	609	101	44	.	.	.	.	2,906
Week 2: Mar 19-25	800	701	834	676	84	40	.	.	.	.	3,135
Week 3: Mar 26-Apr 1	800	658	1,027	938	151	40	.	.	.	.	3,614
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 12-18	1,242	1,150	962	670	568	55	.	.	.	.	4,647
Week 2: Mar 19-25	1,413	1,150	1,265	825	672	52	.	.	.	.	5,377
Week 3: Mar 26-Apr 1	1,760	1,150	1,528	780	780	45	.	.	.	.	6,043
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 12-18	5,550	1,645	1,111	464	52	-184	.	.	.	.	8,638
Week 2: Mar 19-25	5,550	1,891	1,642	351	52	-255	.	.	.	.	9,231
Week 3: Mar 26-Apr 1	5,550	2,645	1,550	192	50	-349	.	.	.	.	9,638
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 12-18	403	137	123	75	-13	-20	.	.	.	.	705
Week 2: Mar 19-25	368	135	150	75	29	-50	.	.	.	.	707
Week 3: Mar 26-Apr 1	436	97	178	75	36	-40	.	.	.	.	782
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 12-18	20	10	1	31
Week 2: Mar 19-25	32	10	3	45
Week 3: Mar 26-Apr 1	43	10	10	63

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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	3,827	46...2500
40ft	4,744	83...3000
40ft High Cubes	7,085	203...3300
40ft Refrigerated	684	21...300
20ft Refrigerated	64	1...50

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Memphis											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 12-18	145	68	5	4	-34	-103	85
Week 2: Mar 19-25	145	52	9	1	-21	-119	.	.	.	.	67
Week 3: Mar 26-Apr 1	145	58	7	1	5	-139	.	.	.	.	77
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 12-18	260	144	8	1	-32	-74	.	.	.	.	307
Week 2: Mar 19-25	260	179	8	1	-23	-67	.	.	.	.	358
Week 3: Mar 26-Apr 1	260	219	5	2	-23	-29	.	.	.	.	434
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 12-18	1,100	149	137	73	13	3	.	.	.	.	1,475
Week 2: Mar 19-25	1,100	223	235	139	21	4	.	.	.	.	1,722
Week 3: Mar 26-Apr 1	1,100	255	324	218	17	4	.	.	.	.	1,918
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 12-18	0	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 2: Mar 19-25	0	6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	6
Week 3: Mar 26-Apr 1	0	12	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	12
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 12-18	-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-1
Week 2: Mar 19-25	-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-1
Week 3: Mar 26-Apr 1	-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-1

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	558	11...300
40ft	430	11...200
40ft High Cubes	884	9...600
40ft Refrigerated	2	0...2
20ft Refrigerated	0	0...0

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Minneapolis											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 12-18	112	90	28	6	-6	-335	-105
Week 2: Mar 19-25	103	90	-20	-2	-7	-421	.	.	.	.	-257
Week 3: Mar 26-Apr 1	110	90	-38	-5	-7	-515	.	.	.	.	-365
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 12-18	190	21	5	-8	-25	-254	.	.	.	.	-71
Week 2: Mar 19-25	190	-50	3	-8	-59	-283	.	.	.	.	-207
Week 3: Mar 26-Apr 1	190	-91	-4	-8	-91	-387	.	.	.	.	-391
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 12-18	34	1	-2	-8	-16	-240	.	.	.	.	-231
Week 2: Mar 19-25	22	1	-28	-8	-1	-297	.	.	.	.	-311
Week 3: Mar 26-Apr 1	-23	1	-34	-9	-2	-365	.	.	.	.	-432
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 12-18	0	-13	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-13
Week 2: Mar 19-25	0	-17	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-17
Week 3: Mar 26-Apr 1	0	-21	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-21
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 12-18	0	0
Week 2: Mar 19-25	0	0
Week 3: Mar 26-Apr 1	0	0

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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	200	3...102
40ft	181	1...80
40ft High Cubes	223	2...144
40ft Refrigerated	4	0...4
20ft Refrigerated	1	0...1

*Data reflect the sum of the individual carriers' average weekly throughput over a 6-month timeframe



New Orleans											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 12-18	501	11	2	2	0	0	.	.	.	.	516
Week 2: Mar 19-25	146	7	4	15	0	1	.	.	.	.	173
Week 3: Mar 26-Apr 1	39	8	5	-3	0	0	.	.	.	.	49
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 12-18	211	23	14	11	1	0	.	.	.	.	260
Week 2: Mar 19-25	201	12	5	10	1	0	.	.	.	.	229
Week 3: Mar 26-Apr 1	161	6	4	10	1	0	.	.	.	.	182
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 12-18	45	17	10	0	0	-87	.	.	.	.	-15
Week 2: Mar 19-25	26	8	12	0	1	-179	.	.	.	.	-132
Week 3: Mar 26-Apr 1	34	-4	9	0	-1	-355	.	.	.	.	-317
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 12-18	43	0	-16	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	27
Week 2: Mar 19-25	42	0	-24	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	18
Week 3: Mar 26-Apr 1	37	0	-32	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	5
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 12-18	6	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	6
Week 2: Mar 19-25	6	-3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3
Week 3: Mar 26-Apr 1	6	-7	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-1

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	246	5...158
40ft	157	5...80
40ft High Cubes	221	5...139
40ft Refrigerated	1	0...1
20ft Refrigerated	5	0...5

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New York											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 12-18	609	600	421	373	235	18	2,256
Week 2: Mar 19-25	947	600	519	406	161	25	.	.	.	.	2,658
Week 3: Mar 26-Apr 1	1,302	600	578	640	150	20	.	.	.	.	3,290
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 12-18	749	670	551	330	174	20	.	.	.	.	2,494
Week 2: Mar 19-25	958	930	551	330	95	23	.	.	.	.	2,887
Week 3: Mar 26-Apr 1	997	1,188	629	330	87	20	.	.	.	.	3,251
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 12-18	1,459	1,330	1,149	961	255	20	.	.	.	.	5,174
Week 2: Mar 19-25	1,765	1,330	1,323	1,295	82	33	.	.	.	.	5,828
Week 3: Mar 26-Apr 1	1,794	1,330	1,595	1,627	79	30	.	.	.	.	6,455
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 12-18	225	150	123	84	60	10	.	.	.	.	652
Week 2: Mar 19-25	241	197	151	7	65	10	.	.	.	.	671
Week 3: Mar 26-Apr 1	322	210	176	10	50	10	.	.	.	.	778
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 12-18	23	5	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	28
Week 2: Mar 19-25	30	5	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	36
Week 3: Mar 26-Apr 1	31	5	7	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	43

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	714	3...150
40ft	901	56...250
40ft High Cubes	1,539	87...400
40ft Refrigerated	113	0...36
20ft Refrigerated	17	0...10

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Norfolk											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 12-18	150	114	92	60	35	9	460
Week 2: Mar 19-25	158	179	71	60	40	5	.	.	.	.	513
Week 3: Mar 26-Apr 1	160	251	25	60	10	4	.	.	.	.	510
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 12-18	118	100	95	41	6	-30	.	.	.	.	330
Week 2: Mar 19-25	112	100	109	7	7	-25	.	.	.	.	310
Week 3: Mar 26-Apr 1	130	100	124	3	10	-16	.	.	.	.	351
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 12-18	290	190	170	146	16	8	.	.	.	.	820
Week 2: Mar 19-25	266	272	170	149	-74	6	.	.	.	.	789
Week 3: Mar 26-Apr 1	243	340	170	185	-78	5	.	.	.	.	865
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 12-18	115	67	34	10	0	-34	.	.	.	.	192
Week 2: Mar 19-25	89	-43	37	10	0	-34	.	.	.	.	59
Week 3: Mar 26-Apr 1	61	-92	41	10	0	-48	.	.	.	.	-28
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 12-18	16	1	0	17
Week 2: Mar 19-25	17	1	1	19
Week 3: Mar 26-Apr 1	18	1	1	20

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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	338	1...175
40ft	797	8...200
40ft High Cubes	1,035	74...300
40ft Refrigerated	139	0...58
20ft Refrigerated	6	0...5

*Data reflect the sum of the individual carriers' average weekly throughput over a 6-month timeframe



Oakland											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 12-18	404	190	154	63	17	5	.	.	.	.	833
Week 2: Mar 19-25	245	190	129	-103	20	2	.	.	.	.	483
Week 3: Mar 26-Apr 1	284	190	120	-155	22	7	.	.	.	.	468
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 12-18	661	100	30	2	-43	-109	.	.	.	.	641
Week 2: Mar 19-25	651	100	38	3	-102	-140	.	.	.	.	550
Week 3: Mar 26-Apr 1	648	100	36	6	-104	-184	.	.	.	.	502
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 12-18	733	400	212	165	9	-99	.	.	.	.	1,420
Week 2: Mar 19-25	199	400	191	130	7	-112	.	.	.	.	815
Week 3: Mar 26-Apr 1	44	400	180	75	3	-119	.	.	.	.	583
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 12-18	334	30	-10	-52	-86	-110	.	.	.	.	106
Week 2: Mar 19-25	189	30	-10	-7	-124	-122	.	.	.	.	-44
Week 3: Mar 26-Apr 1	155	30	-20	45	-162	-90	.	.	.	.	-42
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 12-18	10	-3	-15	-8
Week 2: Mar 19-25	10	-7	-17	-14
Week 3: Mar 26-Apr 1	10	-10	-13	-13

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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	853	26...250
40ft	899	14...300
40ft High Cubes	1,199	34...400
40ft Refrigerated	358	26...120
20ft Refrigerated	24	0...8

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Savannah											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 12-18	135	117	110	54	3	-223	196
Week 2: Mar 19-25	159	203	110	78	3	-168	.	.	.	.	385
Week 3: Mar 26-Apr 1	174	234	110	68	3	-80	.	.	.	.	509
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 12-18	541	130	122	4	-37	-106	.	.	.	.	654
Week 2: Mar 19-25	546	130	125	2	-57	-238	.	.	.	.	508
Week 3: Mar 26-Apr 1	516	130	95	3	-60	-369	.	.	.	.	315
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 12-18	770	200	107	0	-61	-192	.	.	.	.	824
Week 2: Mar 19-25	817	200	67	0	-7	-222	.	.	.	.	855
Week 3: Mar 26-Apr 1	842	200	63	0	-9	-269	.	.	.	.	827
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 12-18	58	43	35	10	3	-31	.	.	.	.	118
Week 2: Mar 19-25	31	31	30	10	7	-59	.	.	.	.	50
Week 3: Mar 26-Apr 1	4	4	30	10	12	-65	.	.	.	.	-5
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 12-18	8	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	10
Week 2: Mar 19-25	7	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	10
Week 3: Mar 26-Apr 1	6	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	9

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	449	0...150
40ft	982	0...409
40ft High Cubes	1,450	21...385
40ft Refrigerated	221	0...80
20ft Refrigerated	4	0...2

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Seattle											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 12-18	191	60	33	5	289
Week 2: Mar 19-25	160	60	30	8	.	.	.	.	.	.	258
Week 3: Mar 26-Apr 1	142	60	38	9	.	.	.	.	.	.	249
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 12-18	30	19	13	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	64
Week 2: Mar 19-25	30	-3	0	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	32
Week 3: Mar 26-Apr 1	30	-23	-23	9	.	.	.	.	.	.	-7
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 12-18	39	30	6	-255	.	.	.	.	.	.	-180
Week 2: Mar 19-25	-8	30	4	-351	.	.	.	.	.	.	-325
Week 3: Mar 26-Apr 1	-43	30	9	-454	.	.	.	.	.	.	-458
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 12-18	240	60	20	-10	.	.	.	.	.	.	310
Week 2: Mar 19-25	166	55	20	-20	.	.	.	.	.	.	221
Week 3: Mar 26-Apr 1	121	51	20	-10	.	.	.	.	.	.	182
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 12-18	1	-2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-1
Week 2: Mar 19-25	1	-4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-3
Week 3: Mar 26-Apr 1	1	-6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-5

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	172	29...70
40ft	263	7...91
40ft High Cubes	462	104...148
40ft Refrigerated	172	0...122
20ft Refrigerated	7	0...5

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Tacoma											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 12-18	287	92	86	30	8	503
Week 2: Mar 19-25	246	94	71	30	8	.	.	.	.	.	449
Week 3: Mar 26-Apr 1	214	116	68	30	8	.	.	.	.	.	436
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 12-18	634	20	7	-94	-99	.	.	.	.	.	468
Week 2: Mar 19-25	567	20	8	-103	-126	.	.	.	.	.	366
Week 3: Mar 26-Apr 1	636	20	8	-110	-233	.	.	.	.	.	321
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 12-18	237	120	8	-50	-191	.	.	.	.	.	124
Week 2: Mar 19-25	136	120	9	-180	-319	.	.	.	.	.	-234
Week 3: Mar 26-Apr 1	34	120	10	-256	-326	.	.	.	.	.	-418
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 12-18	206	5	0	-80	-268	.	.	.	.	.	-137
Week 2: Mar 19-25	245	5	0	-281	-332	.	.	.	.	.	-363
Week 3: Mar 26-Apr 1	264	5	0	-261	-358	.	.	.	.	.	-350
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 12-18	3	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	4
Week 2: Mar 19-25	0	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Week 3: Mar 26-Apr 1	0	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	383	1...300
40ft	671	15...500
40ft High Cubes	797	76...600
40ft Refrigerated	493	0...203
20ft Refrigerated	4	0...4

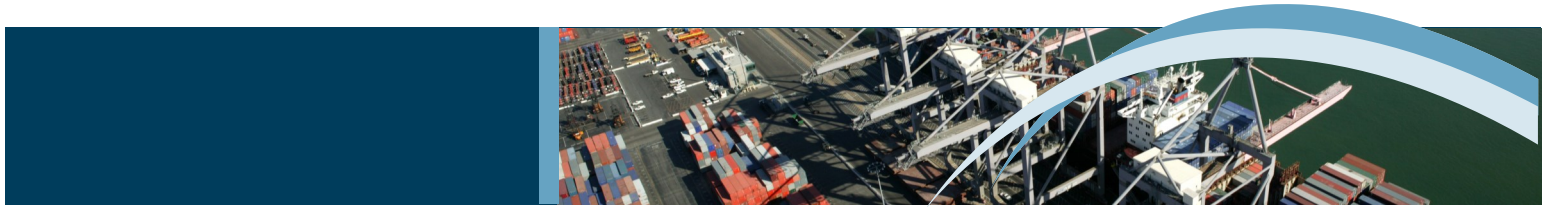
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Understanding this Report

The weekly Ocean Shipping Container Availability Report (OCSAR) provides a snapshot of container availability for westbound transpacific trade lanes at select intermodal locations around the country. The data presented in this report are gathered from 6 member carriers in the Transpacific Stabilization Agreement (TSA). The TSA carriers include COSCO, Evergreen, Hanjin Shipping, Hapag Lloyd, Yang Ming Transport Corporation, and OOCL.

- The data are estimates of container availability per week by the participating carriers. The carriers determine container availability by comparing current supplies at each of the 18 intermodal locations with the demand for these containers based on up-to-date bookings or reservation information in the westbound transpacific trade lane.
- Each week, participating carriers report the estimated number of containers available for the current week (W1) as well as estimates for the subsequent 2 weeks (W2 and W3).
- Maps on pages 3–5 offer a national overview of weekly container availability, as well as an average of availability over the past 6 months. The weekly national data are derived from the sum of the individual carrier responses at each intermodal location.
- Individual carrier responses are presented by location on pages 6–23 and have been sorted from largest to smallest. To maintain carrier confidentiality, specific carrier identification is not provided.
- Carrier responses showing negative numbers, such as -29, should be interpreted as meaning that 29 containers are needed by shippers but the carrier is not able to supply them. A positive number, such as 64, would mean 64 containers are available that are not demanded. An indication of 0 means the carriers have the exact amount of containers needed based on current supply and demand estimates.
- In addition to the weekly container availability data, the participating carriers provide average weekly throughput data for the past 6 months. These data help readers understand the aggregate flow of containers that have moved through the 18 select locations by the 8 participating carriers over the previous 6 months. These data will only be updated every 6 months.
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 - 20ft Dry Container (20ft): A standard shipping container that is 20 feet long.
 - 40ft Dry Container (40ft): A standard shipping container that is 40 feet long.
 - 40ft High-Cube (HC): A shipping container which is 40 feet long and 9 feet, 6 inches tall (1 foot taller than a standard 40ft dry container).
 - 40ft reefer: A refrigerated shipping container which is 40 feet long.
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